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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

REF: A) SEOUL A-84, JUNE 7, 1976; B) DEPT A-1673, MARCH 25,
1976

SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON SEOUL'S EVALUATION FOLLOW.
COMMENTARY DELAYED SO THAT CU/EA COULD FIRST HAVE BENEFIT
DISCUSSION WITH CAO AND AMBASSADOR, BOTH ON CONSULTATION IN
DEPT. EARLY AUGUST. A-84 IS AN EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF THE
KOREA PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS IN
KOREA WITH AMB. SNEIDER AND CAO JUE. IN MEETING WITH ASST.
SECRETARY RICHARDSON, THE AMBASSADOR VOICED GENERAL SATIS-
FACTION WITH CU PROGRAMS, STRESSING HOPE FOR INCREASED
CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND IMPORTANCE
OF "PIGGYBACKING" ON BOTH CULTURAL GROUPS AND AMSPECS
GOING TO JAPAN.

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2. PART A-1 - STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS: EXPANSION OF

BINATIONAL SCHOLARLY CONTACTS IS GOOD. WE WONDER ONLY IN CASE OF PROF. CASEY IF TOO MANY PLACES WERE VISITED TO MAKE DEEP IMPACT. CONTINUATION OF SISTER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN

U.S. AND KOREAN UNIVERSITIES IS ENCOURAGED. FULBRIGHTER COLLABORATION WITH KOREAN COLLEAGUES, TEAM TEACHING, AND DOUBLE USE AS RESOURCE PERSONS ARE ENCOURAGED. THE "FULBRIGHT FORUM" IS AN EXCELLENT TOOL FOR STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS.

3. PART A-2 - INVOLVING GROUPS & INSTITUTIONS: WE DISCUSSED NEW AM. STUDIES INSTITUTE AT SNU AT LENGTH WITH JUE AND CONCUR THAT SUPPORT TO SUCH PROJECTS IS VERY WORTHWHILE. QUALITY OF IVS HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY GOOD, WITH LIST OF PROMINENT FORMER IVS APPENDED TO A-84 BEING AMPLE PROOF.

4. PART B-1 (C) - WE AGREE THAT THE TRADITIONAL ONE-PERSON TRIP WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

5. PART B-1 (H) - WE ARE ENCOURAGING GRANTEES TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS MADE WHILE HERE AND TO COMMENT TO POST ON RETURN FROM VISITS. POST COMMENTS TO CU ARE WELCOMED AT ALL TIMES AND INCREASED COMMUNICATION IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IS DESIRABLE.

6. IN PART B, ITEM (J) WAS SKIPPED. ITEMS (J), (K) AND (L) IN A-84 SHOULD READ (K), (L) AND (M). NO COMMENT WAS MADE ON ITEMS (N), (O) OR (P) IN REF AIR B.

7. PART B-2 - PROGRAMS OF OTHER AGENCIES: THE EDUCATION STUDY GROUP IS AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION AND KEEPING ABREAST OF WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING IN EXCHANGES. WE NEED AS MUCH INFO AS POST CAN PROVIDE. FOR OUR PART, WE HOPE TO HAVE NEW INFO ON FOREIGN STUDENTS IN U.S., BASED ON VISA ISSUANCE, WHICH CAN BE SHARED WITH THE POST SOON.

8. PART C - NEED FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION: THIS RELATES IN PART TO PARA SEVEN, ABOVE. CU WILL APPRECIATE THE POST'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. KISSINGER

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